

this week

Sunday, December 2

8:30 a.m. Worship
 9:00 a.m. Early Sunday Bible Study Group
 9:40 a.m. Sunday Bible Study
 10:50 a.m. Worship
 12:00 p.m. Student Handbells
 2:00 p.m. Chistian Art Class Meets at Philbrook
 4:00 p.m. Committee on Committees Meeting,
 Stephen Ministry Supervision Meeting
 5:00 p.m. Student Ministry Ice Skating
 6:00 p.m. Revelation Class

Monday, December 3

9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. ESL Classes
 1:30 p.m. GriefShare, Ladies Handbells
 6:30 p.m. GriefShare

Tuesday, December 4

9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. ESL Classes
 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program
 11:15 a.m. Senior Adult Bible Study and Lunch
 12:00 p.m. Ruth's Open Door Weaving
 6:30 p.m. While We're Waiting - Bereaved Parents

Wednesday, December 5

9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. ESL Classes
 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Library Open
 11:00 a.m. Homebound Committee Meeting
 4:15 p.m. Children's Handbells
 4:30 p.m. Children's Chimes
 4:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner
 5:30 p.m. Children's Choir, Student Choir, ESL,
 Citizenship Class
 5:45-7:00 p.m. Library Open
 5:45 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer
 6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study *Finishing Strong*
 6:20 p.m. Student Worship
 6:30 p.m. RA, GA, Mission Friends
 6:45 p.m. Adult Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, December 6

9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. ESL Classes
 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program
 10:00 a.m. Adult Game Day
 8:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, December 7

9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program
 11:00 a.m. Women in Recovery Lunch
 6:30 p.m. Early Sunday Bible Study Christmas Party

Saturday, December 8

9:00 p.m. Adult Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY DINNER

December 5, 2018

Taco salad, Mexican rice, cheese dip, chips, guacamole, dessert and beverage.

Adults \$5, children \$3.50, family max \$18.

Please call the church office, 918-299-0904 to make reservations by Tuesday at noon.

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SUNDAY MORNINGS OF DECEMBER - All five Sundays will follow our regular schedule: 8:30 Worship, 9:40 Bible Study and 10:50 Worship.

SENIOR ADULT BIBLE STUDY AND LUNCH - You're invited to attend our monthly Senior Adult Bible Study and Lunch on Tuesday, December 4 at 11:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

DRIVE-THRU CHRISTMAS PAGEANT - December 7-9, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Baptist Children's Home in Owasso (12700 E 76th Street N, Owasso). Learn more at obhc.org/owasso/christmas.

STUDENT ICE SKATING - Hey Students! Let's enjoy some ice skating on Sunday, December 2. Join us at the church before 5:00 p.m. We will be driving our buses to the BOK Center. Cost is \$10. Bring some extra money for hot chocolate! We will be back at the church around 7:30 p.m.

GRIEFSHARE: NEW SESSION BEGINS DECEMBER 10 - GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you as you grieve the death of your loved one. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Groups meet at 1:30 and 6:30 p.m. on Mondays in the South Tulsa Conference Room.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE WITH THE LORD'S SUPPER - Bring your whole family and celebrate Jesus' birth with us on December 24 at 6:00 p.m.

STEPHEN MINISTRY - If you are interested in becoming a trained Stephen Minister, please contact the church office at 918-299-0904.

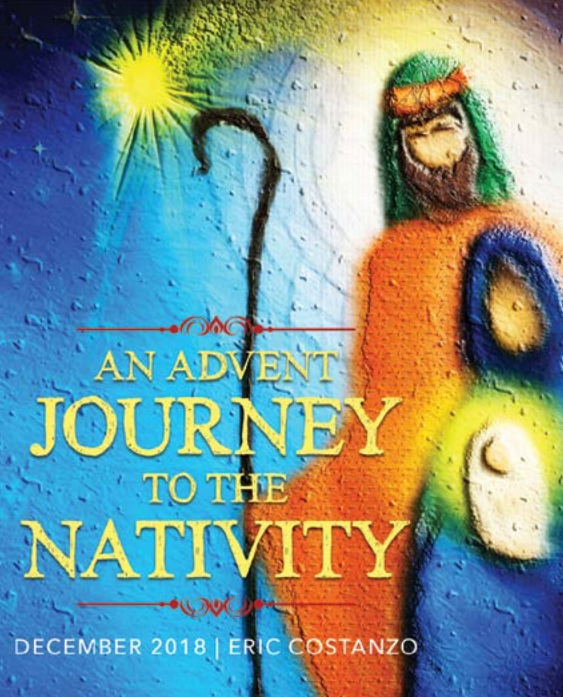
(For more information about upcoming events please go to southtulsa.org)

All-Church | Belize Mission

Christmas Lunch

Sunday, December 9

Celebrate Christmas with the church family and bless our students going on the Belize Mission Trip over Spring Break. Enjoy a wonderful meal - smoked ham, cheesy potato casserole, greenbeans, rolls, and cherry crisp prepared just for you! Donations will be accepted and will benefit the Belize Mission Trip. Join us immediately following the 10:50 a.m. worship service.



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8:30AM Worship

Call to Worship Psalms 145:1-7
 Bennett Wolff
Angels We Have Heard on High
Living Hope
Who You Say I Am
Lighting of the Advent Candle Remy Family
Prayer and Welcome Eric Costanzo
Greeting One Another
Scripture Reading David and Teresa Powell
Message Isaiah 7:14, Luke 1:26-38
Response *How Great is Our God*
Good Morning South Tulsa
New Commitments - New Members
Blessing

10:50AM Worship

Good Morning South Tulsa
Call to Worship Psalm 145:1-7 Herb Elias
Message in Song Mixed Ensemble
Jesus, Light of the World Has Come
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Lighting of the Advent Candle Barnett Family
Prayer and Welcome Rebecca Lee
Greeting One Another
Jesus, Name Above All Names
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
Choral Worship *Angels from the Realms*
Emmanuel
Offertory Adult Handbell Choir
Angels We Have Heard on High
Scripture Reading David and Teresa Powell
Message Isaiah 7:14, Luke 1:26-38
Response *As with Gladness Men of Old*
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Hope

Alice Bones

Hope means different things to different people, especially this time of the year.

Parents hope their children make it home for Christmas. Children hope that a special toy will be under the tree. Moms hope they can get the decorating, shopping, and baking done on time. And dads hope that everything stays under budget. But what is hope?

Two thousand years ago, the world was a very dark place. Although God was always at work throughout history, there was a period of 400 years between the Old and the New Testament that God seemed to be silent to His people. Prophecy had ceased. Miracles had ceased. This was a span of time that God did not reveal anything new to His people. The once proud Jewish nation had been promised a Messiah, a deliverer, centuries before, but one had never appeared. Oppressors may have changed during that time, but the oppression of the Jewish people had not. People were desperate. The last of the oppressors during the 400 years of silence were the Romans. They were a cruel and brutal group that heavily controlled and taxed the Jewish people. Anticipation of a better tomorrow was overshadowed by the desperation the people felt. Perhaps, God was allowing this dark stage of history to set the stage for His Deliverer.

After 400 years, God broke His silence. One quiet night in a little town called Bethlehem Hope was born. True hope!

We can rejoice because Jesus Christ is our hope. He is our hope against the disappointments of this earthly life. Our hope for a joy filled life regardless of circumstances. Our hope for our Lord's promise that He will never leave us or forsake us. Our hope that if we embrace all that He has promised, we no longer must live with a "finger-crossing" wish for our lives. When we embrace Jesus Christ as our Hope, we can go forward in this life with a confident and courageous optimism. But most importantly, Jesus gives us the hope of a bright future with Him forever!

This Christmas, remember the hope that

God made possible through Jesus Christ.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." ~Romans 15:13

Preschool, Children's and Student Choirs

A Child Is Born

Sunday, December 9, 6:00 p.m.

Rehearsal Schedule December 9:

4:30-4:45 p.m. Student Handbells, Worship Center

4:45-5:00 p.m. Children's Handbells, Worship Center

5:00-5:15 p.m. Children's Choir Chimes, Worship Center

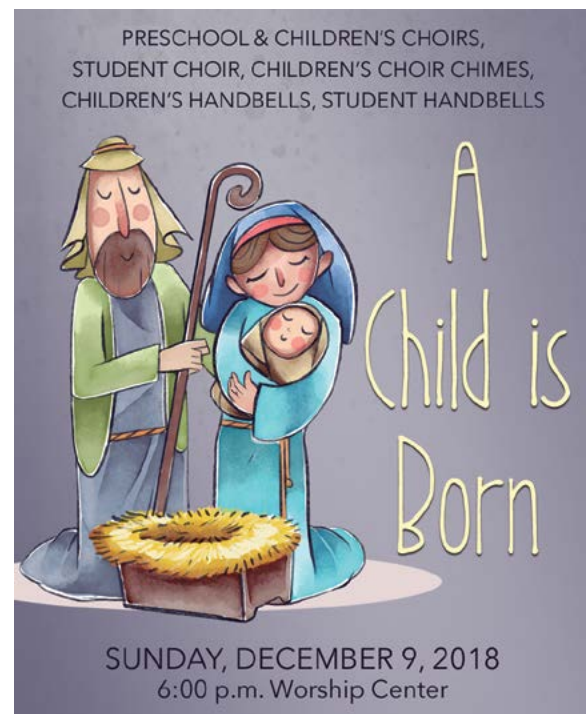
5:15-5:30 p.m. Children's Speaking Parts, Worship Center

5:30 p.m. All Children's & Student Choirs meet in choir rooms

6:00-7:00 p.m. Preschool, Children's and Student Choirs present *A Child Is Born*, Worship Center

Children's Choir Christmas Parties
December 12 5:30-6:30 p.m.

There will be no Children's or Student Choir rehearsals December 19, 26 or January 2. Choirs will resume on January 9, 2019.



Perspectives

Perspectives on the World Christian Movement

This 15-week discipleship course will meet on Tuesdays beginning January 15, 2019 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Your eyes will be opened to the heart and purpose of God, and how you can take part in His work all over the world. A fantastic array of pastors, theologians, international missiologists and mobilizers will challenge and inspire you. Whether you are single, married, a student, a homemaker, a professional or retired, Perspectives will bless and challenge your life and direction. The first 30 people from South Tulsa who sign up will get a \$50 scholarship, and sign up before December 15 for a \$25 discount! You can sign up for the Tulsa class online at www.perspectives-tulsa.org. For questions, contact Adam Greer at adambgreer@gmail.com. Scholarships and childcare available.

Sort Clothing

The donations are running over at the Ministry Center. Help is needed to sort through the clothing donations. The Ministry Center (312 S 33rd West Ave, Tulsa) is open Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. You're welcome to just show up, or contact Alice Bones at alice@ministry-center.org. Thank you!



A Festival of Lessons and Carols

Join us in the Worship Center on Sunday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m. for an informal evening of lessons (scripture readings), carol singing, and special music.

Christmas Dinner Theater

The presentations of "A Place to Call Home" were very well attended and included many visitors from the area. Gracious hospitality and the love of Christ was portrayed in both word and deed. That love was especially evident on Community Night when people from across our city were our guests for the evening. The cast has been rehearsing since the last of September while behind the scenes much other preparation was taking place. From costumes to scenery, lighting to centerpieces, linens to food, waiters, hosts and servers to sound and lights, the entire production brought together over 50 cast members plus over 300 volunteers. With a presentation like Christmas Dinner Theater, it is not always possible to thank each person who was involved in helping. So many contributed in so many ways, and every job, whether great or small, was appreciated. It is our prayer that hearts and lives were touched by Christ through the message of the presentation. So, to all who helped, thank you very much! ~Philip and Mary Ann Stephens

Every Church. Every Nation.

We believe every church—and every church member—has a critical role to play in bringing the gospel to the world. Your participation in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is a key part of that. Because you give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, IMB missionaries can take the gospel to unreached peoples around the world. Every dollar you give makes a difference, because 100% of the money collected goes to the work of reaching every nation. Our goal: \$110,000.

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GIVING

Ministry Financial Plan \$1,521,221
Actual MFP Receipts 1,532,055
General Fund 40,652
Capital Reserve (New Day) 130

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults 460
Students 69
Children 87
Preschool 73
Unclassified 10
Total 699

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES 145

THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers 23
People Helped 283

JENKS CAREPOINT

Volunteers 23
People Helped 237

WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

LIVE Views 3,699
(U.S. 2,442; 13 Retirement Centers with 121;
International 1,136)

ON DEMAND Views. 827
(U.S. 551; International 276)

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ON THE COVER Christmas Dinner Theater